(c) Whether it will not be prudent to shift back to Gulbarga in the larger interest of national savings;

(d) Whether Government have any proposal to shift back the National Savings Wing to Gulbarga instead of retaining the junior office of N.S.O. at Raichur; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Office at Raichur which is bigger, has been retained.

(c) to (e) At present there is no proposal to restore the office of N.S. O. at Gulbarga.

Compliance of Agricultural Credit Norms by Banks

2536. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRI-DHAR PATIL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pubic sector banks could not achieve the targeted 18 per cent agricultural credit norms stipulated by the RBI; and

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor and the future course of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) In terms of Reserve Bank of India's guidelines, public 3ector banks are required to extend direct finance to agriculture (including allied activities) to the extent of 18 per cent of thier total credit. The amount of outstanding advances of public sector banks to agriculture sector (direct finance) as at the end of September, 1991 and September, 1992 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

As at the end of	Amount outstanding	% of outstandings to the total credit
September, 1991	16063	15.6
September, 1992	17384	14.8

. From the above, it may be observed that the outstanding amount to agriculture extended by public sector banks has increased in absolute term. However, in term of percentage achievements,. the stipulated target of 18 per cent for agriculture sector has not achieved so far.

The performance of public sector banks in the matter of extending credit assistance to priority sector, including agriculture sector, is reviewed by Government as well as Reserve Bank of India periodically and suitable steps are taken to make up the deficiencies noticed. The P[er] formance was last reviewed in September, 1992 and the banks have been advised by the Govrenment to take necessary steps to achieve the stipulated targets.

Income Tax Raids in Gujarat

2537. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSH-ANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of raids conducted by Income Tax Department in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) what are the details of unaccounted valuables and cash confisca-cated during such raids;